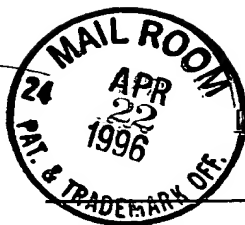


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For: **STENT WITH A COVERING LAYER
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METHODS FOR APPLYING THE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

After assigning a serial number and filing date to this application, but before calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-captioned application as follows without prejudice or disclaimer of matter contained therein:

In the Specification:

Please add the following after page 3, line 1:

--In sum, the present invention relates to a stent with a discontinuous expandable wall and a continuous covering layer of elastic material surrounding the discontinuous wall. The continuous covering layer of elastic material is adhered to the discontinuous wall so it is intimately united with said discontinuous wall. The continuous covering layer of elastic material may extend at least partly radially within the discontinuous wall of the stent, and may extend around and inside the discontinuous wall of the stent. The continuous covering layer

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